

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-22 and 26-34 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 26-31 have been amended. Claim 23 has been canceled. New claims 32-34 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Claims 17-22 and 27-29 were objected to for informalities. Claims 17 and 27 have been amended in response to the objection.

Claims 1, 9-17, 23, and 26-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohran in view of Yanai. Claims 2-8, 18-22 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohran in view of Yanai and further in view of Jacobson. Applicants traverse the rejections.

Ohran does not disclose an intelligent disk system that is configured to encrypt data received from a host computer and transfer the encrypted data to a remote disk system. Ohran also does not disclose an intelligent remote disk system that is configured to decrypt the data received from the local disk system. Neither Yanai nor Jacobson remedy the deficiencies of Ohran. The claims are allowable at least for the reasons set forth above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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